

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please accept the following amendments to the specification:

Please add the following paragraph after the title at page 1, line 3:

This application claims priority to PCT Application No. PCT/US2004/013778, filed on May 3, 2004, and all the benefits accruing therefrom under 35 U.S.C. §365(a), the contents of which in its entirety are herein incorporated by reference.

The following paragraph replaces the paragraph extending from page 11, line 22 to line 31:

As used herein, the term "aryl" indicates aromatic groups containing only carbon in the aromatic ring(s). Such aromatic groups may be further substituted with carbon or non-carbon atoms or groups. Typical aryl groups contain 1 to 3 separate, fused, spiro or pendant rings and from 6 to about 18 ring atoms, without heteroatoms as ring members. Representative aryl groups include phenyl, naphthyl (including 1-naphthyl and 2-naphthyl) and biphenyl. The term "(aryl)C₀-C₂alkyl" refers to an aryl group (preferably a C₆-C₁₀aryl group) that is linked via a single covalent bond, methyl or ethyl. The term "phenylC₀-C₄alkyl" refers to a phenyl group linked via a single covalent bond or a C₁-C₄alkyl group. Similarly, the term "phenylC₁-C₄alkoxy" refers to a phenyl group linked via a C₁-C₄alkoxy group.

The following paragraph replaces the paragraph extending from page 12, line 10 to line 21:

Certain heterocycles are "heteroaryl" (*i.e.*, groups that comprise at least one aromatic ring having from 1 to 4 heteroatoms), such as 5- to 10-membered heteroaryl groups (*e.g.*, 5- to 7-membered monocyclic groups or 7- to 10-membered bicyclic groups). When the total number of S and O atoms in the heteroaryl group exceeds 1, then these heteroatoms are not adjacent to one another; preferably the total number of S and O atoms in the heteroaryl is not more than 1, 2 or 3, more preferably 1 or 2 and most preferably not more than 1. Examples of heteroaryl groups include pyridyl, furanyl, indolyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridizinyl, pyrazinyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, triazolyl, isoxazolyl, quinolinyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl and

5,6,7,8-tetrahydroisoquinoline. A "5- or 6-membered heteroaryl" is a monocyclic heteroaryl having 5 or 6 ring members. The term (heteroaryl) C_0 - C_2 alkyl" refers to a heteroaryl group (preferably a 5- to 10-membered heteroaryl group) that is linked via a single covalent bond, methyl or ethyl.

The following paragraph replaces the paragraph extending from page 16, line 5 to line 6:

As noted above, R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are each independently selected from: (a)_hydrogen, halogen, nitro and cyano; and (b)_groups of the formula: